EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Douglas Rodriguez on 1-10-07.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

In Claims 13-16, 23-28, 43-44, 47-48, 50-63, line 1, change the status identifier "Withdrawn" to --Original--.

In Claim 43, line 5, change "2.0 M, an ethylene carbonate" to -2.0 M, and an ethylene carbonate--.

In Claim 43, line 6, delete "and fluoroethylene carbonate,".

Insert In Claim 47, line 7, insert after "a nitro (NO₂)"; -- wherein the carbonate-based additive compound is added in an amount of 0.01 to 10 wt% based on a total weight of the electrolyte--.

CANCEL claim 49.

In Claim 50, line 1, change "Claim 49" to --Claim 47--.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura S. Weiner whose telephone number is 571-272-1294. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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